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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Luis Obispo – FBI Renews Search for California Student Missing 20 Years

(U) An FBI team prepared Tuesday to excavate a site on the edge of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in hope of finding the remains of a student who vanished more than 20 years ago. Kristin Smart, 19, of Stockton, was last seen in the early morning of May 25, 1996, while returning to her dorm after a party near the campus in the Central Coast region midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The dig is expected to last four days and was timed to occur while classes were not in session at Cal Poly.

SOURCE: 7 September 2016, [USA Today](#)

(U) Westminster – Two Impersonating Police Try to Pull over Off-Duty Officer

(U) Two people were arrested for impersonating officers after they attempted to pull over an off-duty officer, according to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The off-duty officer called 911 to report the suspicious activity. When CHP pulled the suspect vehicle over near the 405 Freeway, they found evidence that the two suspects were impersonating officers, including replica guns. Authorities said this may not have been the first time the two had tried to pull someone over.

SOURCE: 7 September 2016, [6 ABC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Congressional Probe Says OPM Hackers Began Activities in 2012

(U) Washington – A new congressional probe into the massive Office of Personnel Management (OPM) hack reveals the first traces of adversary activity on OPM's network date back to 2012, too far back in time to know what else beyond 21.5 million background check records might have been compromised. The congressional investigation links the breaches to the hacker groups Axiom and Deep Panda, whom security consultants like Novetta and CrowdStrike have tied to China.

SOURCE: 7 September 2016, [Nextgov](#)

(U) Oregon– Man Accused of Hit-and-Run of Black Teen Has Ties to White Supremacist Prison Gang

(U) Portland– Authorities in Oregon are probing whether the death of an African-American teen at the hands of an alleged white supremacist is a hate crime. Russell Courtier, an ex-con with a lengthy rap sheet, and his girlfriend, Colleen Hunt, have been charged with murder in an August hit-and-run that caused the death of 19-year-old Larnell Malik Bruce Jr. Courtier allegedly has ties to the white supremacist group European Kindred, which the Southern Poverty Law Center described in 2010 as “one of the most feared white supremacist gangs in the Pacific Northwest.”

SOURCE: 7 September 2016, [Washington Post](#), [Huffington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Britain, France Begin Work on Wall near Calais to Keep Migrants from Channel Tunnel

(U) Paris – Construction of a wall to keep migrants from reaching a road that leads to the French port of

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Calais will begin this month, according to French officials. The wall, a joint project by Britain and France, is the latest attempt to address security concerns and local displeasure with a rundown camp – currently home to roughly 9,000 individuals – for migrants at the English Channel port. The proposed wall will be 13 feet high and will run roughly half a mile along both sides of the road that approaches the port of Calais. Increased security around the port and the entrance to the Channel Tunnel has made it more difficult for migrants, most of them from the Middle East and Africa, to get directly onto trains or ferries. SOURCE: 8 September 2016, [OC Register](#)

(U) Israel – Israel to Build Underground Barrier Against Hamas

(U) Jerusalem – Defense officials say Israel has begun work on an underground barrier along the border with Gaza meant to block Hamas militants from tunneling into Israel. The concrete barrier is set to run dozens of meters deep and will ultimately stretch along the entire border with Gaza. Israel is currently building an initial phase of the barrier over a small stretch of land measuring dozens of meters. Officials say the barrier's construction could take years. Hamas militants have used underground tunnels to attack Israelis.

SOURCE: 8 September 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Thwart Suspected ISIL Terror Plot in London

(U) London – British authorities broke up a plot by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) to unleash a terror strike in London when they arrested two men – and officers searched several other addresses as part of the probe, officials said. The two London residents – 19 and 20 years old – were held by Scotland Yard after the early morning raid on suspicion of being involved in the “preparation of terrorist acts.” Authorities believe the plot was not a random “lone wolf” attack – but something more serious and widespread, though no additional details of the plot have been released. The terrorist threat level in the country is considered severe, meaning that an attack is highly likely.

SOURCE: 8 September 2016, [NY Post](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – Gang Suspects Shoot Down Helicopter Carrying Police in Mexico, 4 Dead**

(U) Apatzingan– Suspected gang members—possibly linked to the Knights Templar cartel—shot down a helicopter in a clash with police in restive western Mexico on Tuesday, killing four people. The operation took place near the violent city of Apatzingan, in Michoacan, and was aimed at detaining “leaders of criminal cells.” Last year, members of the Jalisco New Generation cartel, which operates in Michoacan and in the neighboring state of Jalisco, shot down an army helicopter, killing six soldiers. Michoacan has one of the highest murder rates in Mexico after being overrun with drug gangs and armed vigilante groups.

SOURCE: 7 September 2016, [Business Insider](#)

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